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News Briefs

By Alex Mullans

Ash cloud grounds Europe

Air traffic over Europe and northern Asia is slowly getting underway again, as the European Union gradually lifts a halt order on travel because of an ash cloud from Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull volcano. The crisis has left thousands of people stranded in airports throughout the world and prevented many world leaders from attending the funeral of the Polish president. Volcanic ash has been a red flag for airlines since a British Airways jet lost power to all four of its engines in 1982 after flying through an ash cloud over Indonesia. The ash is damaging to airplane surfaces, especially engines, as it can solidify in the ventilation holes that keep an engine cool.

Goldman Sachs charged with fraud

The investment banking and securities firm Goldman Sachs was charged by the United States Securities & Exchange Commission with fraud last Friday. The charge centers around an investment product called "Abacus," which the SEC claims was created to fail by Goldman executives who subsequently bet against it, and thus cashed in big when the product (a securities package derived from low-quality mortgage bonds) crashed in 2007. Expert Sylvain R. Raynes sums up his views on "Abacus" by saying: "When you buy protection against an event that you have a hand in causing, you are buying fire insurance on someone else's house and then committing arson." The charges have also drawn the spotlight back to Congress' efforts to pass a financial-reforms package.

FCC considers net-neutrality options

After the April 6 decision from the DC Circuit Court of Appeals – which overturned a 2 year old ruling by the FCC which prohibited internet service provider Comcast from slowing access to the BitTorrent peer-to-peer protocol – both the commission's recent broadband plan and its regulatory authority have come into question. The ruling has caused the FCC and Congress to reconsider the classification of broadband as an "information service," as opposed to a "common carrier" (like the telephone system). A reclassification to the latter division would subject internet providers to a large array of regulations that were created to improve competition after the breakup of AT&T. Regardless of the decision, a heated battle between lobbyists and activists seems sure to ensue.

Rose students show openness for alternative lifestyles

Scott Gallmeier

Co-Editor in Chief Emeritus

A week ago today, the Rose-Hulman Unity Club sponsored their annual National Day of Silence. The National Day of Silence

is an event held to symbolically honor men and women who are unable to be truthful about their orientation because of a given situation.

This year's National Day of Silence had xxx participants who committed themselves to silence throughout the

day. Unity Club President Will Mruzek said, "We're not sure how many participated. However, we gave out a total of one hundred shirts. Seeing that

much interest on campus is promising. This event was observed nation-wide by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transsexual Alliance.

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Rose-Hulman copes with anonymous threat

Alex Mullans

Co-Editor in Chief

Two weeks ago, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Erik Hayes received an anonymous note through the campus mail system from an "emotionally struggling" student. Student Affairs subsequently began efforts to discover the identity of the individual, including contacting the mailroom and hiring a handwriting expert to try and identify the identity of the writer. The note included content that led Student Affairs to conclude that there was a potential threat to the Percopo residence hall.

After it became clear that the individual was not readily identifiable, Student Affairs brought in Rose-Hulman Administration, who subsequently brought in the Terre Haute Police Department. At that point, a decision was made to offer all Percopo Hall residents the opportunity to stay in a hotel room in Terre Haute – purchased by the Institute – Thursday and Friday nights (April 22 and 23). At press

time, 16 students had taken advantage of the offer. Hayes told the Thorn that informal estimates saw about half of Percopo residents choosing to live with friends elsewhere on campus, and slightly less than half choosing to stay put.

On Wednesday, President Matt Branam told students in an all-campus email that "no evidence of a bomb has been found." Yesterday, the Indiana State Police Bomb Squad announced that no explosives were found in Percopo Hall after a thorough search.

"I'm confident that it is a cry for help," Hayes said.

Hayes told the Thorn that the most important concern is letting the student know that "we can get them help." He also emphasized the availability of counseling services through Student Affairs and encouraged students to seek help from himself or other members of Student Affairs staff.

Any student with information regarding the threat is encouraged to contact Student Affairs at (812) 877-8210.



Will Mruzek / Rose-Hulman Unity Club

Rose-Hulman's Unity Club organized Rose's participation in the National Day Of Silence event; posters like the one above were placed around campus to promote the event.

Students do spring cleaning to help Red Cross

Alex Mullans

Co-Editor in Chief

Last Saturday, the Rose campus was an early riser's dream, as students across campus woke up as early as 8 a.m. to participate in the Red Cross Service Day.

The event was sponsored by Student Affairs after Pete Gustafson, Vice-President for Student Affairs, was asked to join the "Save the Day" campaign committee. The was another great example of Rose Hulman students' dedication to service. More than 60 students participated in the event, adding up to more than 190 voluntary man-hours of work done that morning.

Crews were sent out to vari-

ous businesses and residences in the Terre Haute area where they raked yards, cleaned gutters, washed windows, and more. But rather than collecting the paycheck at the end of the day, the collective sum of more than \$1900 went to support the work of Red Cross of the Wabash Valley; Gustafson told the Thorn that he expects tomorrow's event to bring in an additional \$1000 or so.

"I think it is a great way for the [G]reek communities on campus to come together and support the Red Cross," said Melissa Gale, sophomore applied biology and biochemistry major. "It also directly benefits the citizens of Terre Haute through service which, in my opinion, is the best part!"

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Code Breaker

By Rose Brewer

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VPAA search: Dave Goldberg

Tim Ekl

Co-Editor in Chief

Dr. Dave Goldberg is “just a down-to-earth guy following his passion” – or so he said Monday in his panel, when speaking about his application for the Vice President of Academic Affairs (VPAA) position.

Goldberg, a professor of industrial and enterprise systems engineering at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), started his talk with stories of his youth: a ham radio operator from Detroit, Goldberg grew up the son of an engineer and has pursued the profession for decades.

He strongly advocated the concept of respecting the faculty while still exhibiting “bold leadership,” in the traditions of Chauncey Rose and the Hulman family.

“[Let’s] take a page out of industry’s playbook: create a pilot program or incubator,” Goldberg said. “Change is allowed to take place, but respect faculty gover-

nance at the end of the day.”

Instead of trumpeting past leadership positions, Goldberg emphasized his role as a faculty member at UIUC, having been there for almost two decades.

“Having not [been a dean or department head], I connect with faculty concerns,” Goldberg said. “[I’ll] make changes without disruptions...through the process of piloted change.”

Goldberg also mentioned his experience in the entrepreneurial world, noting his role in Internet company ShareThis and his advisory capacity in Google’s AdWords and Gmail services. Examples from UIUC engineering organizations iFoundry and Illinois Engineering Freshman Experience also made appearances in his talk.

In all, Goldberg’s talk offered a strong way forward for Rose-Hulman.

“Instead of working as individuals, [we’ll] work in teams,” Goldberg said. “Bold leadership can show the way to the rest of the world.”

Dave Goldberg in short:

Recent Positions:

- Co-founder & Chief Scientist, Share-This, Inc.
- Co-Director & Co-Founder, Illinois Foundry for Innovation in Engineering Education

Research Experience:

- Genetic algorithms in search, optimization, and machine learning
- Genetic algorithms with sharing for multimodal function optimization

Education Experience:

- Ph.D. in Civil Engineering at University of Michigan
- M.S. in Civil Engineering at University of Michigan
- B.S. in Civil Engineering at University of Michigan



Alex Mullans / Rose Thorn

Dr. Dave Goldberg, Co-Founder & Chief Scientist for ShareThis, Inc., and candidate for the Vice President of Academic Affairs position poses after his presentation. Goldberg’s scientific merits have earned him the honor of being the man who placed gene therapy on the map.

VPAA search: Bill Durgin

Tim Ekl

Co-Editor in Chief

Lots of kids want to be – or at least work with – astronauts when they grow up. Bill Durgin, the final candidate for Rose-Hulman’s Vice President of Academic Affairs (VPAA) position, made that dream come true.

Durgin, currently a University Executive at California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly), discussed his application with faculty and staff Wednesday.

His experiences with aerospace engineering and the diversity they brought drove the majority of his presentation. During the talk, Durgin stressed the importance of a “global education” and the “diversity of knowledge.”

“[I like] the notion that it’s important for our students to experience not only working or studying, but living in another culture,” Durgin said. “Solving the kinds of problems that we have to solve as scientists, mathematicians, and engineers, requires us to bring different modes of thought to bear on a problem.”

Despite the talk of diversity, Durgin also brought a distinct sense of nationalistic pride to

the table.

“In this country, we simply have to do a better job teaching our students how to be good engineers and scientists,” Durgin said. He also emphasized how committed he was to “the role that the sciences play in the well-being of our nation.”

Durgin’s past experiences include the formation of the aerospace engineering department at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) and time working with Russian aerospace engineers on concepts used in the Mir 2 space station.

Durgin didn’t ignore the humanities, either. Part of his belief in diversity of thought extended to liberal arts as well.

“[I know] how valuable it is to have technological students be involved/immersed in the liberal arts,” Durgin said. He claimed teachers should be “teaching students how to learn; rather than teaching stuff.”

Durgin’s speech was the last in the VPAA search – within the next several weeks, the Rose-Hulman search committee will review faculty feedback and try to reach a decision on which candidate to hire to take over part of the job currently held by Art Western.

Bill Durgin in short:

Recent Positions:

- Director for the Center of Renewable and Alternative Electric Transportation Technologies at Cal-Poly State University
- Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Cal-Poly State University

Research Experience:

- Nonlinear Sound Propagation in Turbulent Flow
- Dynamic Characteristics of Airfoils

Education Experience:

- Ph.D. in Engineering at Brown University
- M.S. in Mechanical Engineering at University of Rhode Island
- B.S. in Mechanical Engineering at Brown University



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Dr. Bill Durgin, Director for the Center of for Renewable and Alternative Electric Transportation Technologies at Cal-Poly State University, poses before his presentation for the Vice President of Academic Affairs position. Durgin was the final candidate to appear at Rose.

Your 7-Day Forecast for Rose-Hulman

Friday



Rain Likely
High: 62
Low: 55

Saturday



T-Storms Likely
High: 74
Low: 50

Sunday



Rain Likely
High: 64
Low: 45

Monday



Chance of Rain
High: 59
Low: 43

Tuesday



Chance of Rain
High: 62
Low: 42

Wednesday



Mostly Sunny
High: 64
Low: 44

Thursday



Partly Cloudy
High: 69
Low: 52

“The Last Temptaion” is saved by great art

Eli Baca

Staff Writer

Most people think of comics as an escape from reality—superheroes, zombies, magic—but independent comic publishers, as well as major publishing companies, have been trying to get into more genres of storytelling. Yes, there are still superheroes, but now there are detective comics, and novels that bring a little more reality into the plotlines. The Last Temptation is one of these independent comics.

Originally published in 1994 by Marvel Music, a short lived subsidiary of Marvel Comics, The Last Temptation is a three-part “show” that tries to reach out from the grips of super-powers and talk to the younger child in every reader. With a bit of an indie comic revolution underway, the re-birth of The Last Temptation came in 2006 by Dark Horse Books, published as a hardcover, along with renewed interest in the ghastly tale.

Steven, the main character, a scaredy-cat sort of young boy—he gets called a “wuss”—accepts a dare to enter a creepy building,

all within the first couple of pages. Enter the Showman, aka Alice Cooper, who convinces Steven to enter into his theatre and watch the show. If this were a movie, the entire crowd would be screaming at Steven to walk away, but being the epitome of lost boy he ventures farther into the rabbit hole. The rest of the comic revolves around the Showman trying to make a deal with Steven along with that ‘ole coming of age story. Add in a bit of detective work and The Last Temptation is a nice way to kill a half hour, and maybe Steven’s soul.

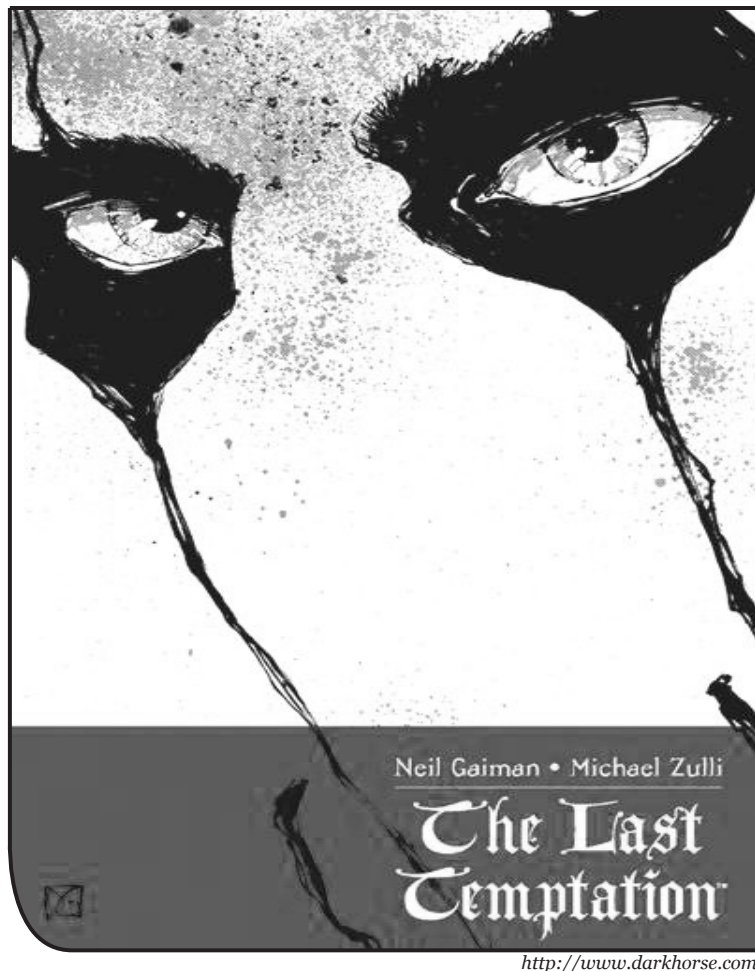
Alice Cooper, the rocker, and Neil Gaiman (“The Sandman”), a writer, came up with the story behind The Last Temptation. The first act of the comic accompanies Cooper’s The Last Temptation concept album, and the Showman is depicted as Cooper himself. The main theme of the story is growing up and the natural fear of doing just that. The story itself is handled well by Gaiman who manages to weave a decent tale out of Cooper’s pretty bland original plot. The main characters show some depth and the action has some

adventure, but the story doesn’t WOW. It’s got some high points, like the twist at the end, but flows too quickly and wraps up easily.

On the other hand, the art of Michael Zulli (“The Sandman”) and the black-and-white style of the comic give it an entirely new dimension. The eeriness of the scenes is increased ten-fold with the artistry; even the falling leaves in the street feel absolutely evil. Zulli is able to take each and every panel to another level with the detail of his pen and the movements of the lines. The detail of each movement and background is downright amazing. The dark, emotive lines of Zulli’s illustrations reveal this man to be an extraordinary artist, and The Last Temptation a creep-tastic novel.

Indie fantasy comics have the bar set high with The Last Temptation. The story is good enough to keep the reader interested, but the art makes the comic a delectable treat.

Review rating: 4 elephants



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“How to Train Your Dragon” delights

Luke Woolley

Staff Writer

From the animation studio that brought you “Madagascar” and “Over the Hedge” comes an amazing and imaginative film about a young boy and a powerful dragon. “How to Train Your Dragon,” the best film DreamWorks Animation has put out since “Shrek,” is showing in 3D and has been called, “the best reviewed movie of the year,” by the website Rotten Tomatoes. Rolling Stones says it is “funny, touching,” and that “it works miracles in 3D.”

The boy, named Hiccup and played by Jay Baruchel (“Knocked Up,” “She’s Out of My League”), lives in a Viking village on an island that is continuously terrorized by swarms of dragons. Feeling unappreciated by his father and village leader, Stoick, voiced by Gerard Butler (“300,” “Gamer”), Hiccup tries hard to be a dragon warrior

and during one attack manages to injure the notorious and mysterious Night Fury dragon. Finding it later in the forest, he feels sympathy for the wounded beast and befriends it, embarking on a journey that not only changes his life but also disproves many things the Vikings thought

they knew about the dragons. Constantly in the shadow of Pixar Studios, DreamWorks has definitely managed to hold its own this time. “Dragon” is a unique film that presents stunning and engaging 3D animation (the water, the hair, the eyes... even blond teen stubble on Hiccup’s chin), a marvelous theatrical score composed by John Powell (“Shrek,” the “Bourne” trilogy), characters that break the “oh-look-at-my-zany-animated-adven-

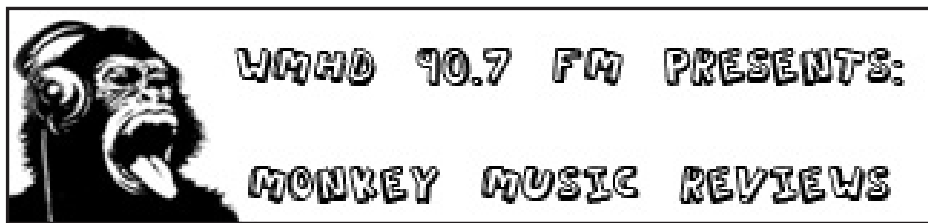


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tures” mold, and some wickedly awesome new dragon species. To make a long story short, it was a blast.

A few times during the show my friends and I could pick out animation, a character, or a line in the script that embodied the “old DreamWorks”—mediocre, rehearsed, not-as-good-as-Pixar—that we’ve seen in many of their movies. However, I am glad to say that, much like “Kung Fu Panda,” the movie as a whole represented a massive leap forward in every aspect of DreamWorks Animation’s ability to create a beautiful and entertaining animated film. It was funny, exciting, and endearing, and it thrilled me to the core.

Review rating: 4.5 elephants



The Bird and the Bee: “Interpreting the Masters”

Ben Smith

Monkey Writer

Between a prominent placement in the “(500) Days of Summer” soundtrack, multiple parodies on SNL, and the webseries “Live From Daryl’s House,” Daryl Hall and John Oates are having a resurgence of popularity. The Bird and the Bee continue this trend with their new album “Interpreting the Masters Volume I: A Tribute to Daryl Hall and John Oates,” covering eight of the duo’s classic hits along with one original homage.

It’s a bit disappointing then, that the album seems so one-note. The album’s production, provided by Greg Kurstin (the “Bee” to

Inara George’s “Bird”), seems mostly to blame. The soaring blend of soft synths, 60’s tropicalia, and jazz that populates their two previous albums is nowhere to be found here. Each track carries the same half-60s/half-80s blend of semi-distorted bleeps and boops, which gets tired after only a few tracks. The re-interpretations of “Maneater” and “Private Eyes” make the most of the production choices, but slower songs (“Sara Smile” and “One on One,” in particular) suffer, dragging



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along and ruining the listening experience.

The album isn’t a complete misstep, though. The opening track, “Heard It On The Radio,” feels like a lost Hall and Oates B-Side; I actually had to check that they hadn’t recorded the song originally. It’s a fantastic eye into how closely The Bird and the Bee studied the music of Hall and Oates; it’s also a shame the rest of the album doesn’t have the energy of this single track.

Reviewer rating: 2 elephants



NEW

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Music:

Cypress Hill
Rise Up

Willie Nelson
Country Music

Kate Nash
My Best Friend is You

The Apples in Stereo
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Lou Rhodes
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All Days are Nights: Songs for Lulu

Major Stars
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Movies:

The Losers

Oceans

The Cartel

Malice in Wonderland

Paper Man

The Good, The Bad, The Weird

Boogie Woogie

Games:

Monster Hunter Tri (Wii)

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GTA IV: The Ballad of Gay Tony (PC, 360, PS3)



Spring into change

Kurtis Zimmerman

Webmaster

Beginning another revolution around the sun is an exciting time: time to hang up your new calendar, start dating your checks with a brand new set of digits, and push toward your New Year's resolution. However, the dreary gray skies and depressing winter chill can be a deterrent from your goal. Throughout January and February, spirits are down, the weather is awful, and maintaining a positive attitude is difficult. By the time March rolls around, however, the sun starts making more frequent visits and the general mood of everyone on campus seems to rise.

It sounds to me like spring is a

much better time to start a major (or not so major) change in your life. Who says you have to start on the first of January? There are certainly no formal mandates requiring that you decide your life's goals (or that year's commitments) before the ball drops and the confetti flies; starting a new plan of change at a time in the year when nature is waking up from its cold slumber seems much more positive and realistic.

This is why, as the color green is returning to the landscape and temperatures are holding at respectable heights, I am making my own spring resolution. Since elementary school I have enjoyed reading for pleasure, but once I hit high school I was bombarded with

mandatory reading assignments and those classic novels that, though they have their timeless themes and striking motifs, just are not choices I would make while perusing the library. Now, while I may not have as much free time as I did in high school, I have more freedom to pick up a good book (or a terrible one) and just enjoy reading again. And with the sun out for longer periods of time, it wouldn't be absurd to sit outside every now and then and enjoy all the perks of spring at once.

Though my resolution is a small one, now is a great time to step into your own resolutions. Whether your goal for the year is to find a

job, lose some weight, or manage your finances better, April and May have just what it takes to make these visions possible. The economy is picking up and all kinds of jobs are available on and off campus, though they may not be your dream job. Businesses around town (and your hometown too) are picking up and will surely need some summer help. There is no better time than when the sun is shining and the weather is fair to take a jog around campus or enjoy a pick-up game of basketball or volleyball, so losing weight shouldn't be a problem; with so many activities to enjoy just outside your room, avoiding spending gross

amounts of money to go out is easier than ever. None of this would have worked in winter, but resolving to overcome some bad habits or pick up some positive routines is completely feasible now that Jack Frost has said his goodbyes.

I have said before that March is a magical month, and for the way it completely changes campus and everyone's attitude, I maintain that. However, to keep your spring resolution, it will take more than magic; hard work and a positive disposition are a must. This beautiful season provides its advantages for making a change, but you ultimately have to take responsibility for the actions you want to take.

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Deming students take advantage of the nice weather by taking a break from homework to play Frisbee.



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The faster side of parks

Melissa Schwenk

Living Editor

I'm not a fan of running. The mile run during gym class was a source of embarrassment for me since the four foot tall kid managed to lap me every time. I'd pretty much given up running until I realized what my problem was: I suck at running in circles! I can't stand the futility of funning around a track, of running solely for the sake of running. Once I got off the track I didn't find running nearly so difficult or boring. Here are a few of my favorite places to pretend to run.

For those who live on campus, check out Hawthorne Park. I spent almost six quarters at Rose before I realized how great the park is. Hawthorne is a popular spot for the cross country runners for good reason. The gravel path took a little while for me to get used to but the shimmering green water and the aquatic wildlife make it worth it. Since it is just across the Heritage Trail, there's no excuse not to go.

If you're looking for a hillier running experience, head over to Deming Park. When I was in

Terre Haute over the summer I rode my bike along the circuit two or three times every couple of days. I only made the mistake of running that circuit once over the summer since I was out of shape and not ready for that much of a workout. Deming has great hills but lacks Hawthorne's scenery; head over to Deming if you want to play Frisbee golf instead.

Another good park for running is Dobbs Park. The trails are a little more dangerous; there are more exposed roots on this trail than on the others and the trails are smaller than at Hawthorne. However, if you are looking for great scenery and a challenging run, Dobbs park is a great place to run. Another plus to the trails at Dobbs Park is that you can't just give up on them. Once you are in there, you are committed to running that trail unless you want to attempt getting lost in the forest. This is great for people like me who will wuss out after two laps around a track.

Whether you are a new runner or a veteran, these parks can add a little interest to your running routine. Good luck with keeping your running resolution; I know I need it.

Enjoying the weather

Mitchell Ishmael

Staff Writer

Everyone jokes (or are they serious?) about how awful Terre Haute is (ugly, smelly, etc.), but with the wonderful weather recently I can't help but find its beauty. These past few weeks the skies have been blue and the temperature and humidity have been just about perfect. The trees are green, flowers blossoming, and the pollen is turning all of our cars a terrible shade of yellow. Okay, maybe that last one isn't the greatest thing, but it's a price we have to pay for the nice weather. With the weather like it is, I have tried to take it upon myself to spend as much time outside as possible, and I encourage everyone else to do the same.

Now is a great time to get out and explore a little bit of the nicer parts of Terre Haute and the immediate area around Rose. I have talked to a few people recently who didn't know that we had a park

and lakes behind the school. I've talked to people who don't know what either side of Heritage Trail leads to and people who haven't even been on the entirety of the Rose-Hulman campus.

Take some time and go on a run where you have never been before. If you don't run, take a nice bike ride or just walk. I promise what you find will be worth your time. If you are looking for a park, Deming and Dobbs Parks are both gorgeous places that are within biking and running distance. What I commonly will do is go on Google Maps and look for a route that I have never run before. The scenery that I have found on these runs has been priceless, and whenever I have found myself overstressed at Rose I go to these places to relax.

I encourage you to go and find the beauty of Terre Haute. I know that that sounds like a bit of an oxymoron, but I promise you that it is out there in the most surprising places if you are just willing to look for it.

STAFF VIEW: Don't expect privacy in text messages

It seems as though every other week there's some controversy that arises from texting. Whether it's some celebrity affair or a misplaced status update to Facebook or Twitter, texting seems to be causing more and more trouble among the digitally literate.

This week, the Supreme Court got involved. In *City of Ontario v. Quon*, the Court is set to decide whether or not a SWAT team member has an expectation of privacy in messages he sent and received using a government-issued pager. The department he works for has an official policy that all such messages are public; on the other hand, his lieutenant—a non-policymaker—assured him that certain things could be kept private.

Of course certain indiscreet messages were exchanged, certain people found out, Quon sued, and the case has been steadily working its way up the legal chain for months. It's just one more variation on the same sordid story.

But regardless of how the Court decides, it should be mentioned that there's a much easier way to avoid all these problems: stop sending inappropriate text messages! People should have it figured out by now that texting is an inherently insecure medium of communication, even when

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there's not an official policy put in place by your employer that says your texts aren't private.

In Quon's specific case, even putting aside the cell company employees that theoretically have access to the texts, he should've known there were potentially dozens of his coworkers and superiors—this is a department pager, after all—that would have been able to read every single message that went through his device. In addition, since he's a civil servant, *communiqué*s he sends on government devices can become public relatively easily anyway, through Freedom of Information Act requests or other legal means.

People need to start realizing that texts they send are a lot less private than they like to believe. And amid the bevy of other, more secure options – encrypted email and even a simple phone call with Caller ID blocked spring to mind – no one should be relying on the secrecy of a text message, much less making a fuss when that secrecy gets broken wide open.

Use off-peak bandwidth to circumvent quota issue

Steven Stark

Guest Writer

Why does IAIT's website show that we have a lot of spare bandwidth capacity every night, even while some students want to download more? Last week's editorial on bandwidth limits focused on how to change the quota system so that overages are less frequent, but there are other ways to make better use of existing bandwidth.

Most of the time, I and many other students are well under the bandwidth quotas and have no desire to download more. But occasionally there is a need to download large files that may be anything from movies, to new games, to academic software. The editorial proposed increasing the 24-hour student quotas, but that wouldn't help much with large downloads (as I discuss in the next paragraph), and runs the risk of increasing congestion during peak hours. A problem with the current quota system is that there is no incentive for students to wait for campus bandwidth usage to diminish before starting a large download. Last week's editorial ignored some possible ways to improve the bandwidth quota policy without disturbing other people's access to the internet.

Let's consider the case in last week's editorial where a stu-

dent wants to download an 8 GB game, and let's assume that the student also averages 0.4 GB of downloading per day for general browsing, light use of internet radio, and YouTube. This student would have to spread the download throughout an entire week to stay within today's quota system. Even with higher quotas, the student couldn't make use of spare off-peak bandwidth, and it would still take days to download 8 GB. Yet on any given night, that 8 GB file could be downloaded without significantly impacting anybody else on campus.

Why not implement a quota system that counts off-peak usage as a fraction of normal usage? One-fifth seems like a good starting point, but the ratio would be easy to adjust. So perhaps downloading the 8 GB file overnight would only count as 1.6 GB of normal usage. Then the student could download the game overnight and still remain inside bandwidth quotas. As a starting point of discussion, I would suggest that the hours between 2 AM and 8 AM are off-peak, but those hours could be adjusted. There may be additional off-peak hours during weekends, but any reasonable implementation of off-peak hours is likely to be beneficial to everyone.

I propose that IAIT should change the quota system to allow for something similar. If gridlock occurs during off-peak hours, IAIT should simply adjust the ratio instead of scrapping the new system entirely. Maybe a ratio of one-half would be needed to maintain order overnight. Or maybe unlimited off-peak downloads would work well (ratio of 0). When they decided to remove bandwidth quotas in 2008, the Academic Technology Committee and IAIT correctly determined that residence life would improve if students are able to more easily download large files without fighting against quotas, and there is a way to do so by making use of off-peak bandwidth.

Another observation that the editorial ignored last week is that we will soon need to increase the campus bandwidth again, regardless of whether or not off-peak hours are implemented. Off-peak hours encourage spare bandwidth to be used, but peak usage will still continue to grow due to richer web content, higher quality videos, and so on. So why wait for our internet connection to slow to a crawl like it did last year before the bandwidth upgrade? With a gigabit campus internet connection, no quota system would be needed at all... for a few years anyway.



Roses go out to...

It's not hot and humid anymore! Finally.
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The Little 5 bike race is this week. Get excited!
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Hooray for naps!
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I'm excited that Pike has its fire truck pull this weekend.
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I'm going to see Kickass, that's pretty exciting. Roses to that!
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Only five weeks of school left!
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This weekend, I'm going to Milwaukee to see my uncle be ordained a deacon, and get my car. Heck yeah!
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Since I've done so poorly on all my tests, getting that B this week isn't going to seem so bad anymore.

Thorns go out to...

I can't wear my shorts outside because it's too cold.
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Darklord Day is also this weekend... Why do I have to choose?
* * *

Thorns to whoever apparently "borrowed" my bike, rode it through the mud, deflated the tires and then put it back. You know who you are. Possibly.
* * *

I have to pull two consecutive all-nighters this week. Darn you, ADES...
* * *

There's still five weeks of school left...
* * *

Thorns to the coffee cart closing before I get out of lab. I still need coffee at 4:30!

[Editor's Note: This week the Rose Thorn is introducing a new feature, *Roses & Thorns*. If something annoys you or makes you happy, send it to thorn-opinions@rose-hulman.edu in 50 words or less.]

Better ways than abortion

Brandon Shavers

Guest Writer

I just had to say something that has been on my heart. And yes, I realize not everyone will agree, but hey, this is the opinions page, right? So a few days ago, I was talking with a few of my good friends and the topic drifted to abortion. I casually stated that I was pro-life, just before one of my buddies got in my face and more or less accused me of "wanting to force women to have babies." As a strong advocate for equality of the sexes, the words weighed heavily on me, so I started evaluating the objectivity of my views on the issue, to get to the core of why I believe what I believe, and even to modify my stance if necessary.

So I have come to a conclusion. No one should ever be forced to do something that he or she doesn't want to do, especially if that something is in regard to said person's body. But I must make it clear that people are to be held accountable for what they bring into their lives. You earn it, you eat it; blame and excuse will only bite back. This relates to the abortion issue in that if a woman becomes pregnant – there's no easy way to say this – the chances are pretty good that she had something to do with it. Whew.

I know where your mind might be going, and yes, exceptional cases are important to the debate, but today there are so many options, the pro-choice moniker could apply to either side. Obviously, one could eliminate the possibility of unwanted pregnancy by abstaining, and if that just won't do, there are still several types of protection, inserts, the pill, and now even oral emergency contraception, which is effective up to 72 hours after the fact. There is the choice! I believe in empowerment, and nothing is more empowering than acknowledging one's own influence over life events and circumstances, taking action, and accepting responsibility and consequence.

The second component of my posi-

tion is in taking the side of the child. I believe firmly in the fundamental right to live. Once a fertilized egg has attached to the uterine wall, the new life has made the statement that he or she (sex chromosomes are established) deserves this right. At that point, it's not about the mother anymore; the child's day has come. Within three weeks, the child will have a brain; within five, a beating heart. Size or shape does not undermine the significance of a life. And more generally, if we can define when a life begins, is it also within our ethical space to decide when a life should end?

Certainly, there would be no point to this discussion if nothing could come of it. So as far as the legality of abortion, on a per case basis, ideally each involved would have his or her say. If the question were whether to abort the child, the child should first be born, then be nurtured and allowed to grow to the point at which he or she has developed speaking skills, then be asked whether or not he or she approves of the decision to abort. However, because an unborn child cannot speak for him or herself, the decision must be left to a third party, to defend the child's right to live. (Also under this thinking, if the mother's life were at risk, she gets to call it, as she would be the only endangered party who is able to speak.) Defense of the voiceless is reason enough for me to keep a largely pro-life stance.

I'm not thoroughly comfortable with the idea of obligating a woman to give birth to a child she doesn't want, yet in the vast majority of cases, the mother in question has already made a series of choices which led to the situation. Say what you want of me, but I'd consider the outcome of such cases to be an example of life's justice, thus no one should be equally obligated to provide an escape; but if that were the only issue, I'd be indifferent. The seeking of a way out should only be legally prohibited if it comes at the expense of a blossoming life.

Rose-Hulman tops Anderson in HCAC showdown

Rose-Hulman News

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology scored six runs in the first inning and poured on two runs in the fourth and three in the seventh to earn a 13-5 victory over Anderson University in college baseball action on Tuesday night.

Senior Chandler Kent (Antioch, Ill.) and junior Chris Stemple (Mount Vernon) paced the offensive attack with four hits each. Kent smashed a three-run home run and a double, along with four runs scored. Stemple slapped

four singles with two RBIs.

Junior Michael Kovacs (Cincinnati, Ohio/Moeller) added three hits, including a double, with two runs scored.

Other Engineers with multiple hits included senior Keenan Long (Park Ridge, Ill./Northwestern University) with two singles and one RBI; senior Kirk Thompson (Harrisburg, Ill.) with a double, single and two RBIs; and senior Troy Eveslage (Ramsey/North Harrison) with two singles and two RBIs.

Senior Tim Tepe (Cincinnati,

Ohio) added his seventh home run of the season to the effort with a solo blast.

The offense helped make a winner of junior Gannon Sadzeck (Crystal Lake, Ill./Central), who tossed seven strong innings to improve to 2-0 on the season. Sadzeck scattered seven hits and walked two with two strikeouts in the performance.

Jeremy Hazen led the Anderson offense with three hits, highlighted by a solo home run. Four Ravens added a pair of hits each.

After Hazen opened the scoring

with a home run, Rose-Hulman answered with six runs on seven hits in the bottom of the first.

Senior Andrew Bilse (Munster) slapped a double, followed by singles from Kent and Stemple. Tepe reached on a fielder's choice to score one run, before Thompson made the score 2-1 with an RBI single.

Junior B.J. Zobrist (Eureka, Ill.) added an RBI single for the third run, before Kovacs doubled home Thompson to make the score 4-1. Eveslage capped the rally with a two-run single.

The contest was also Bingo Night at Rose-Hulman, as the largest crowd of the season watched the Engineers increase their current lead in the HCAC standings.

Rose-Hulman improved to 24-6 on the season and 12-3 in HCAC action, while Anderson dropped to 19-12 and 10-5 in league play. The Engineers travel to Manchester College for a three-game series on Saturday and Sunday. Action begins with a twinbill on Saturday at noon and a single game on Sunday at 1.

Engineer Scoreboard

Track and Field

April 16
Rose-Hulman Men — 3rd
at Twilight Meet Women — 4th

Men's Golf

April 17-18
Rose-Hulman 6th place
at RHIT Invitational

Baseball 24-6 (12-3 HCAC)

April 20
Rose-Hulman 13
vs. Anderson 5

Men's Tennis 9-7 (5-2 HCAC)

April 20
Rose-Hulman 7
at Greenville 2

Women's Golf

April 17-18
Rose-Hulman 17th place
at Illinois Wesleyan

Softball 12-10 (7-3 HCAC)

April 18
Rose-Hulman Game 1 — 4-6
vs. Mt. St. Joseph Game 2 — 6-4

Sports Briefs

By Kurtis Zimmerman

All-star pitcher suspended 50 games

Cincinnati Reds' pitcher Edinson Volquez was suspended on Tuesday after testing positive for a performance-enhancing drug. The former All-Star pitcher is rehabilitating from an elbow injury for the first half of the season and will be able to start serving his suspension while continuing recovery off the field. As part of a treatment to start a family with his wife, Volquez received a prescription in the Dominican Republic which is banned by the MLB. That drug will cost him upwards of \$100,000 and postpone his start this season to at least June 15. Players are often warned to check with trainers and doctors before using any substance, prescription or not; total suspensions for this year already totaling sixteen. Claiming the suspension is disappointing, baseball's chief operating officer Bob Dupoy said "it underscores the fact that the program is in fact working. And if players are cheating, they're going to get caught."

NFL schedule set for 2010

The much-awaited 2010 NFL schedule was released earlier this week, revealing a slew of interesting early matchups and meaningful late-season games. The Super Bowl champions will get the opportunity to open the season with a rematch against the Minnesota Vikings; the New Orleans Saints will try to repeat the victory that earned them the spot in the national championship this past season. After falling to the Saints in Miami, the Indianapolis Colts will kick off the season in Houston on the first full day of the season, September 12. Two games will be played outside of the United States, Denver facing San Francisco in London and Chicago taking on Buffalo in Toronto. The main reason for the late release of the schedule, officials say, is the change to the season-ending games. To make the late-season games more interesting and meaningful, the last Sunday of the regular season will feature only division games. The schedule's release comes just in time for the NFL draft, which began Thursday.

Playoffs kick off for NBA teams

As the baseball season is opening up, professional basketball is closing out as playoffs kicked off this past week. The top sixteen teams — eight from the Eastern Conference, and eight from the Western Conference — played through their second and third games in the first round on the road to the championship round. Playoff regulars fill the bracket, from Kobe Bryant and former Indiana Pacer Ron Artest with the Los Angeles Lakers to the Boston Celtics who played without Tuesday night Kevin Garnett. The team's high scorer was suspended after a small quarrel during the first game of the round. No clear leaders can be foreseen at this point with just a few games having been played, and the top sixteen teams will continue play through the weekend to begin narrowing down the playing field.



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Here's what your Greek community will be up to:

Greek Games will be hosted this year on Sunday, May 2nd starting at 1:00 PM. The event will consist of all seven fraternities and three sororities competing in the Blood Drive, Chariot Race, Greek Field Events, Tug of War, Relay Race, Pyramid, and the Eating Contest. Everyone is encouraged to come out for the good time.

Phi Kappa Alpha is hosting its Fire Truck Pull this Saturday, April 24th at the Terre Haute airport. Registration begins at 10:30, events being at 11:15.

Alpha Tau Omega held their annual Faculty Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, April 21st and also just initiated this year's pledge class on Sunday, April 18th.

Triangle just held their annual Founder's Day over last weekend and had a

good showing of alumni back in town.

Theta Xi will be hosting their annual Smoke for the Cure on Friday, April 23rd at which all proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

Sigma Nu participated in this past weekend's Red Cross "Save the Day" event by volunteering to head up two different projects in the Terre Haute area.

Meet your Greeks

Name: Parker Lee
Fraternity: Delta Sigma Phi
Year: Junior
Major: Chemical engineering major
Hometown: Asheville, North Carolina
Future: Would really like to end up working in the North Carolina research triangle (Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill area)
Accomplishments while at Rose: Sophomore Adviser (Speed 3), OVC President, Paintball Questmaster, OVC Quartermaster, Delta Sigma Phi Rush Chair, Delta

Phi President, Operation Catapult Counselor for 2 years. When asked "What was the biggest benefit you received from going Greek here at Rose-Hulman?": "What was the biggest benefit you received from going Greek here at Rose-Hulman?": "The opportunity for the close-knit brotherhood that we feel for each other. Delta Sig, and Greek life as a whole has provided a way for me to have a close group of friends who I know all think the way I do, but who aren't afraid to



Speak up to each other when differing opinions are present. It's really allowed me to have a great place to grow and find myself as a leader as well."

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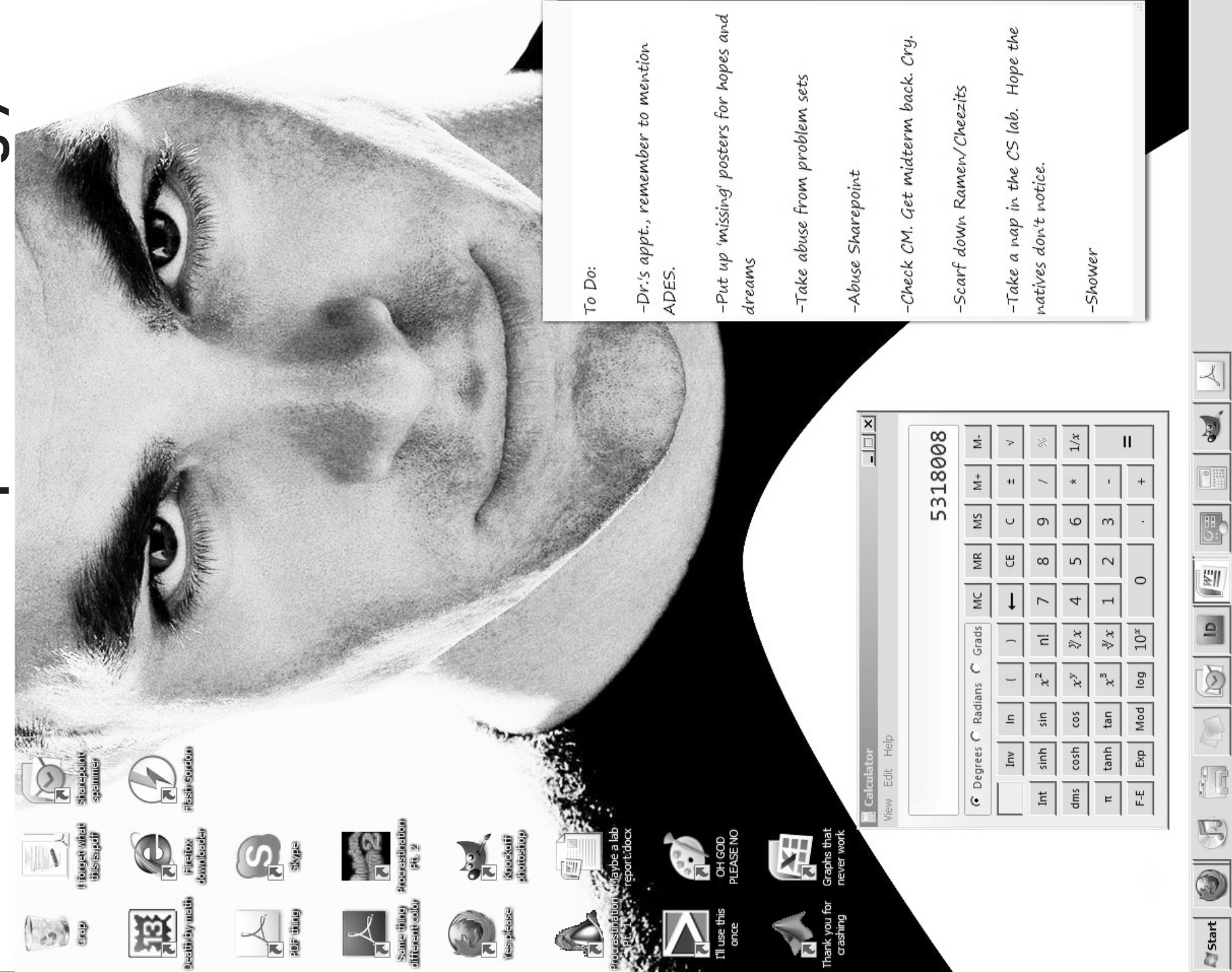
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Top Ten: Pieces of Clothing I Never Want to See Again

By: Melissa Schwenk
Fierce Fashionista

10) The capri pants you bought four years ago when they were cool. Seriously, Amish Porn? Either go for the Bermuda shorts or cover up.

9) Your flip flops when you're not on the beach. While this eliminates the post tennis shoes smell, some people's feet just smell no matter what.

8) That too tight tee shirt from before college. These just display your muffin top and no one wants to see that.

7) Your Uggs. Especially Man Uggs. These are not acceptable for life, let alone during the spring.

6) Your improperly layered layers. Either pull that cami down or take it off.

5) The same sweatpants you've worn all week. Seriously, wash those things.

4) Those white athletic socks with black dress shoes. If I am ever a Career Fair recruiter, I will make fun of the recruits to their face.

3) Those Crocs your mom bought you. If you aren't four years old, you shouldn't be wearing them.

2) That athletic shirt you cut wrong. Face it, you cut too much out of the armpits of that shirt. Throw it away and try again.

1) The Civil Shirts that seemed like a good idea. Stop making yourself more of a target than you already are.

Wacky Prof Quotes

"So we're going to take lots of bites of an elephant over the next few days of class..."
--Dr. Clifton, devourer of worlds... or at the very least, large mammals.

"Couldn't you just get off to that?"
--Dr. Hoover. Not without knowing what 'that' is. That would just be awkward.

"I don't know what that means about [the Carbon's] sexual preference, but let's not talk about that."
--Dr. White. It's okay, neither do I. And somewhere, deep inside, I am thankful.

"I can't have you do that, it's illegal. The money was illegal too, but that's collectible."
--Dr. Inlow, explaining the difference between illegal and 'illegal' that the political community has known about for years.

"Actually, concrete is made up of all sorts of rocks and things, it was a terrible example."
--Dr. Steinstra. Water plus dirt equals mud, rocks plus other things equal... concrete? Can I have labs like this?

"If you see me doing this it means I have no clue what's going on but I'm trying to look smart enough to figure it out."
--Dr. Morris, revealing the single most important secret to getting people to believe you.

"They're my Jacob and you're my Esau."
--Dr. Minster. I'm not sure if this is comparing favored-ness or the average amount of body hair.

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